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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 8222]

**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:** Shrimp Exporter's/Importer's Declaration

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATE(S):** The Department will accept comments from the public up to **insert date 60 days from date of publication in the *Federal Register***.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may use the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) to comment on this notice by going to [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). You can search for the document by entering "Public Notice ####" in the Search bar. If necessary, use the Narrow by Agency filter option on the Results page.
- *E-mail:* DS2031@state.gov
- *Mail:* Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC), Attn: Section 609 Program, 2201 C Street, NW, Room 2758, Washington, DC, 20520
- *Fax:* (202) 736-7350
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC), Attn: Section 609 Program, 2201 C Street, NW, Room 2758, Washington, DC, 20520

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Marlene Menard, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs,

Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818, who may be reached at menardmm@state.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Shrimp Importer's/Exporter's Declaration
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0095
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Oceans and international Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC)
- *Form Number:* DS-2031
- *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit organizations
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 10,000
- *Average Time Per Response:* 10 minutes
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 1,666
- *Frequency:* On occasion
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* The Form DS-2031 is necessary to document imports of shrimp pursuant to the State Department's implementation of Section 609 of Public Law 101-162, which

prohibits the entry into the United States of shrimp harvested in ways which are harmful to sea turtles. Respondents are shrimp exporters and government officials in countries that export shrimp to the United States. The DS-2031 Form is to be retained by the importer for a period of three years subsequent to entry, and during that time is to be made available to U.S. Customs and Border Protection or the Department of State upon request.

*Methodology:* The DS-2031 form is completed by the exporter, the importer, and under certain conditions a government official of the exporting country. The DS-2031 Form accompanies shipments of shrimp and shrimp products to the United States and is to be made available to U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the time of entry.

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